

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am outraged that Pappas Telecasting Companies' is donating \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas without providing equal time to their competitors. This is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Diverse, local voices are the centerpiece of a vital democratic media environment, and silencing one side because an intransigent corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others is outright piracy of our airwaves. During election season especially, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are reprehensible and make a mockery of their responsibility to the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, if they do not relent in their outlandish behavior, I hereby request that you rescind their FCC license when it comes up for review. Thank you.